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SUBJECT: MLS PROGRAM DATA DISSEMINATION PILOT PROJECT

The Labor Market Information Division (LMID), in partnership with the Job Training Partnership Division (JTPD) and the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), is offering California Service Delivery Areas (SDA) the opportunity to pilot test the local level dissemination of Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) program data in customized reports.

The MLS unit in LMID collects plant closure and layoff data from California employers with 50 or more Unemployment Insurance claims filed. The MLS is developing an information process that could be used by the SDAs to target services to dislocated workers. For example, MLS data could be used to identify employers in a local area that met the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN) criteria but did not file a WARN notice. The SDA receipt of this information could speed eligibility determination for laid off workers who qualify for services under Title III of the Job Training Partnership Act. The MLS Unit could also provide other data, such as identifying long-term declining industries for the purpose of SDA planning.

The MLS Unit will select at least five SDAs by mid-February 1999 and work closely with them through the end of March 1999 to develop the type and frequency of the reports they want to receive during the pilot period. The reports will be produced and delivered at no cost to the pilot sites. The pilot will be conducted from April 1 to September 30, 1999. In October 1999, the participating SDAs will be asked to evaluate the pilot and make a determination as to whether the dissemination of MLS data should be expanded to other SDAs. This feedback will be included in a written report that will be provided to JTPD, LMID and SDA administrators by November 30, 1999.

The MLS data base is an untapped resource that could provide valuable information to assist SDAs in expanding services to dislocated workers and planning the allocation of training resources. The pilot offers a unique opportunity for SDAs to participate in the design of customized reports that are tailored to meet specific program needs.

Participating SDAs will be asked to designate a single point of contact to work with the MLS Unit during the pilot period. If your SDA would like to participate in the MLS data dissemination pilot, or if you have any questions, please call Diane Bonar in the Data Analysis Unit at (916) 654-8305 by February 25, 1999.

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